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Re: Enclosed Amendment After-Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/801,692
Docket No.: K06-167789M/TBS

Dear Examiner Binda:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 24, 2006, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Examiner: Gregory John Binda

For: CROSS SHAFT JOINT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Box AF
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14, and 18-19 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 9, 12, and 14-15 are amended to more clearly define the invention, claims 6, 13, and 15-17 are canceled, and claims 18-19 are added. Claims 10-14 have been withdrawn from prosecution. Claim 1 is independent.